



Idaho Springs Area Raft Guide Training Course - May 5th through May 21st 2026
This is a sample Itinerary and can change due to water levels and group dynamics.

Pre-Course: Day 0 – Monday, May 4

3:00 PM | Welcome & Pre-Course Orientation

3:30 PM | Jeep Tour of the Area

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 5

Topics: Swiftwater Swimming · River Mechanics · Introduction to Rowing

7:30 AM | Meet at Durango Boatyard (50 Animas View Dr)

7:35 AM | Meet & Greet

8:00 AM | Facility & Boatyard Tour

8:30 AM | Boats 101: Equipment & Anatomy

9:00 AM | Depart for the River

9:45 AM | Launch at Trimble

12:30 PM | Lunch on river

5:00 PM | Takeout at 32nd

6:00 PM | Debrief & Debrief

Day 2 – Wednesday, May 6

Topics: Guest Orientation · Ferry Angles · Flip Drills · Paddle Commands

7:30 AM | Assemble at Boatyard

8:00 AM | Depart for 32nd

12:00 PM | Lunch

1:00 PM | takeout @ Basin

1:30 PM | Launch 29th

5:00 PM | Takeout Highbridge

5:30 PM | Debrief & Adjourn

Day 3 – Thursday, May 7

Topics: Hydrology · Scouting · River Hazards · Rescue Skills

7:00 AM | Assemble Durango Boat Yard

7:30 AM | Launch Oxbow

12:30 PM | Lunch

5:00 PM | Takeout Basin

5:30 PM | Daily Debrief

Day 4 – Friday, May 8

Topics: Paddle Boating Basics · Knot Tying · Swimmer Management

7:00 AM | Meet at Durnago Boatyard

7:30 AM | Depart for River

8:00 AM | Launch at oxbow

12:00 PM | Lunch

5:30 PM | Arrive at Brits

Day 5 – Saturday, May 9

Topics: Rescue Techniques · River Spacing · Emergency Protocols

7:00 AM | FA/CPR Certification Course

8:45 AM | Meet at Durango Boat Yard

9:15 AM | Launch oxbow to santirita laps

12:30 PM | Lunch

5:00 PM | Takeout & Debrief

Day 6 – Sunday, May 10: Scheduled Day Off (subject to change):

- **Moab Crew head to Moab (745 Kane Creek Blvd)**
- **Idaho Springs Crew head to Idaho Springs**
- **Durango crew Day off**

Day 7 – Monday, May 11:

Topics: Guest Engagement · Keeping Guests in the Boat

7:00 AM | Assemble at Idaho springs boatyard for tour

8:00 AM | Launch Classic Laps

12:30 PM | Lunch

5:00 PM | Takeout & Debrief

Day 8 – Tuesday, May 12:

Topics: Trip Timing · Guide Roles · River Awareness

7:00 AM | Assemble at clear creek boatyard

7:15 AM | Clear Creek 101

8:00 AM | Launch Classic Laps

12:30 PM | Lunch

5:00 PM | Takeout

Day 9 – Wensday, May 13

Topics: Technical Maneuvers · Eddies · Rock Avoidance · Advanced Angles

8:00 AM | Meet at Clear Creek Office

9:00 AM | Launch on classic laps

12:30 PM | lunch

5:30 PM | Takeout kermits

6:15 PM | Derig & Debrief

Day 10 – Thursday, May 14

Topics: Paddle Boating Refresher · Throwbags · PPE Review

8:00 AM | Assemble at clear creek boat Yard

9:00 AM | Launch at Classic put in

12:30 PM | Lunch

5:30 PM | Takeout PAT

we will be leaving for a 4 day three night car camping trip to the Arkansas River

Day 11 – Friday, May 15 *Meals will be provided starting at Dinner on this day*

Topics: Arkansas Trip Execution · Gear Fitting · Knot Workshop

7:00 AM | Meet & Rig Gear for Arkansas valley trip

9:00 AM | Guest Gear Fitting

9:30 AM | Launch Browns put in

12:30 PM | Lunch

5:30 PM | Debrief & Adjourn

Day 12 – Saturday, May 16

Topics: Running New Rivers · Reading Beta · On-the-Fly Adaptation

7:00 AM | Meet for breakfast, Coffee and a lesson
8:30 AM | Depart for Browns canyon laps
9:00 AM | Launch
12:30 PM | Lunch
5:00 PM | Takeout

Day 13 – Sunday, May 17

Topics: Running New Rivers · Reading Beta · On-the-Fly Adaptation

8:00 AM | Meet for coffee and breakfast
8:30 AM | Depart for Fractions lap
12:30 PM | Lunch
5:00 PM | Depart for fractions lap
6:00 PM | Adjourn

Day 14 – Monday, May 18: *Return to Idaho Springs this Day*

Topics: Emergency Procedures River Safety

7:00 am Coffee and breakfast
8:30 am Launch Browns Canyon
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Launch Numbers Lap
5:30 takeout drive back to Idaho springs

Day 15 – Tuesday, May 19 *Scheduled Day Off* (Subject to Change)

Day 16 – Wednesday, May 20

Topics: Final Skill Assessments · Ferry Angle Test

8:00 AM | Meet at Idaho Springs boatyard
10:00 AM Launch on classic section
12:30 PM | Lunch
5:00 PM | Takeout
6:00 PM | Adjourn

Day 17 – Thursday, May 21

Final Wrap-Up · Celebration · Career Planning

8:00 AM | Assemble at Boatyard
8:30 AM | Launch on Dumont
1:30 PM | Final Takeout at KERmits
3:00 PM | BBQ Celebration & Debrief
4:00 PM | Meeting with Micah: Next Steps as a Guide
5:00 PM | Wrap-Up & Goodbyes

Recommended Personal Gear

Nylon shorts/swimsuits (for under wetsuits)
Synthetic or wool base layers (polypro/fleece)
Fleece jacket (*rentals available*)
Wetsuit and booties (*rentals available*)
Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen
Wool/fleece socks
Rain gear
Sleeping kit (bag, pad, tent)
Two locking carabiners
9 ft tubular webbing

Required Gear

Sleeping kit (Bag, Pad, Tent)
Whistle
Water Bottle

